

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, July 23, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 52. }

I. It will be the duty of the Commanding Generals of separate Armies to cause to be entered, in some conspicuous place on the standards of regiments, battalions, and separately organized squadrons of their commands, the names of the several battles in which their regiments, battalions and separate squadrons have been actually engaged.

II. With a view to carry into effect so much of the act of April 21, 1862, as provides, "that the President may, when in his opinion it is proper, fill any vacancy, by the promotion of any officer from any company, battalion, squadron or regiment in which the same may occur, who shall have been distinguished in service, by the exhibition of extraordinary valor or skill, and that when any vacancy shall occur in the lowest grade of commissioned officer of any company, the same may be filled by selection, by the President, of any non-commissioned officer or private from the company in which said vacancy may occur, who shall have been distinguished in the service by the exhibition of extraordinary valor and skill," it will be the duty of the several Commanding Officers herein referred to, to furnish reports, setting forth the facts and circumstances of the "extraordinary valor and skill" displayed by such officers, non-commissioned officers and privates as may be recommended by them for promotion, agreeably to the provision of this act. These reports will be passed through the ascending channel of communication, provided by the Army Regulations, to the Commanding General, who will forward the same, with such remarks as he may deem necessary, to the Adjutant and Inspector General, for the action of the Secretary of War.

III. The employees of rail road companies are authorized and requested to examine the passes and furloughs of soldiers passing over their roads, and to arrest all deserters and persons absent without leave from the army, whenever they may be found on said roads, and to deliver them to an officer of the army at the most convenient post or station, or to lodge them in jail, and report their names and regiments to the Adjutant and Inspector General, Richmond. Thirty dollars will be paid

for all deserters delivered to an officer, and fifteen dollars for each deserter lodged in jail. No allowance will be made for the expenses of apprehension and transportation. All jailors receiving deserters are requested to detain them. The usual allowance for prisoners will be made.

By command of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.